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**HB1004** **THIRTEENTH CHECK (CHERRY R)** Provides for a thirteenth check in 2024 for certain members, participants, or beneficiaries of the: (1) Indiana state teachers' retirement fund; (2) Indiana public employees' retirement fund; (3) state excise police, gaming agent, gaming control officer, and conservation enforcement officers' retirement plan; (4) state police pre-1987 benefit system; and (5) state police 1987 benefit system.

*Current Status:* 1/23/2024 - Rule 105.1 suspended

*Recent Status:* 1/22/2024 - Cosponsor: Senator Niezgodski  
1/22/2024 - Senate sponsors: Senators Buchanan, Bray, Crider

*State Bill Page:* [HB1004](#)

**HB1021** **GREEN ALERT FOR MISSING AT RISK VETERANS (GORE M)** Defines "veteran at risk". Creates the green alert program to provide for public notification regarding missing veterans at risk. Changes the name of the Indiana clearinghouse for information on missing children and missing endangered adults to the Indiana clearinghouse for information on missing children, missing veterans at risk, and missing endangered adults (clearinghouse). Makes conforming changes to the duties of the clearinghouse. Creates certain duties and reporting requirements for law enforcement agencies concerning missing veterans at risk. Provides immunity for a broadcaster who broadcasts, or an electronic billboard operator who displays, a green alert notification and a person who establishes or maintains a green alert website under an agreement with the state police department. Makes technical corrections.

*Current Status:* 2/1/2024 - Senate sponsors: Senators Tomes, Crider, Hunley

*Recent Status:* 2/1/2024 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 116: yeas 94,  
nays 0  
2/1/2024 - House Bills on Third Reading

*State Bill Page:* [HB1021](#)

**HB1027** **FIRE DEPARTMENT WORK SCHEDULE** (HOSTETTLER M) Provides that a fire department may deviate from the required maximum work hours for members of the fire department only if authorized by a collective bargaining agreement, memorandum of understanding, or other similar written mutual agreement with an exclusive recognized representative of employees of the fire department.

*Current Status:* 2/1/2024 - Referred to Senate

*Recent Status:* 1/31/2024 - Senate sponsor: Senator Tomes  
1/31/2024 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 106: yeas 93,  
nays 1

*State Bill Page:* [HB1027](#)

**HB1044** **MINIMUM AGE TO PURCHASE FIREARMS** (ERRINGTON S) Makes it a Level 5 felony for a: (1) licensed importer, licensed manufacturer, licensed dealer, or licensed collector (licensee); or (2) person who is not a licensee (private seller); to knowingly or intentionally sell, trade, give, transport, deliver, or otherwise transfer a firearm to a person whom the licensee or private seller knows is less than 21 years of age. Specifies exceptions that apply to a private seller. Requires a court to impose consecutive sentences upon a private seller who is convicted of certain offenses.

*Current Status:* 1/8/2024 - Referred to House Public Policy

*Recent Status:* 1/8/2024 - First Reading  
1/8/2024 - Authored By Sue Errington

*State Bill Page:* [HB1044](#)

**HB1053** **TEST STRIPS** (GARCIA WILBURN V) Removes provisions related to testing the strength, effectiveness, or purity of a controlled substance in the criminal laws concerning possession of controlled substance paraphernalia.

*Current Status:* 1/31/2024 - Referred to Senate

*Recent Status:* 1/30/2024 - Senate sponsors: Senators Baldwin and Pol  
1/30/2024 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 75: yeas 92,  
nays 1

*State Bill Page:* [HB1053](#)

**HB1080** **RESERVE DEPUTY TOWN MARSHALS** (CRISWELL C) Provides that a reserve deputy town marshal may not act in an official capacity as a reserve deputy town marshal unless the reserve deputy town marshal is wearing a distinctive uniform and identification authorized by the town marshal. Provides that, if the reserve deputy town marshal's official duties include patrolling with the use of a motor vehicle, the motor vehicle used as part of the reserve deputy town marshal's

official duties must be marked as a police vehicle and identify the particular town served by the reserve deputy town marshal.

*Current Status:* 1/29/2024 - added as coauthor Representative Davis M

*Recent Status:* 1/18/2024 - added as coauthor Representative Garcia  
Wilburn V

1/8/2024 - Referred to House Veterans Affairs and Public  
Safety

*State Bill Page:* [HB1080](#)

**HB1089 PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER BENEFIT ADVISORY BOARD (SCHAIBLEY D)** Establishes the public safety officer benefit advisory board (board). Requires the state police department to provide staff support for the board. Requires the board to provide a report to the legislative council and interim study committee on pension management oversight before October 1 of each year.

*Current Status:* 1/8/2024 - Referred to House Veterans Affairs and Public  
Safety

*Recent Status:* 1/8/2024 - First Reading

1/8/2024 - Authored By Donna Schaibley

*State Bill Page:* [HB1089](#)

**HB1104 SCHOOL SAFETY (DAVIS M)** Provides that a school safety plan developed by a school corporation or charter school must establish an armed intruder drill protocol. Requires safe school committees to develop a policy that considers the effect of armed intruder drills on the safety and mental health of students, faculty, and staff. Prohibits an armed intruder drill that includes sensory components or activities from: (1) requiring student participation; or (2) taking place during regular school hours if a majority of the student body is present on school property. Allows a school corporation or charter school that: (1) employs a school resource officer; or (2) enters into a contract or a memorandum of understanding with a local law enforcement agency, private entity, or nonprofit corporation to employ a school resource officer; to participate in the 1977 fund. Provides that a school resource officer hired or rehired after June 30, 2024, who is a member of the 1977 fund shall remain in the 1977 fund. Provides that a school resource officer may become a member of the 1977 fund by meeting certain age and training requirements. Makes corresponding changes.

*Current Status:* 1/31/2024 - Referred to Senate

*Recent Status:* 1/30/2024 - Senate sponsors: Senators Deery and Carrasco  
1/30/2024 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 80: yeas 96,  
nays 0

*State Bill Page:* [HB1104](#)

**HB1118 MENTAL HEALTH CARE FOR FIRST RESPONDERS (JACKSON C)** Establishes the Indiana first responders mental health wellness fund and program (fund and program). Provides that the division of mental health and addiction of the office of the secretary of family and social services (division) shall

administer the fund and program. Provides that a first responder who meets certain requirements may apply to the division for: (1) costs associated with the first responder's active participation in a mental health treatment plan as determined by a psychologist or physician treating the first responder; and (2) compensation if the first responder is unable to work. Establishes requirements for obtaining compensation. Makes a continuous appropriation.

*Current Status:* 1/8/2024 - Referred to House Public Health

*Recent Status:* 1/8/2024 - First Reading

1/8/2024 - Coauthored by Representative Pressel

*State Bill Page:* [HB1118](#)

**HB1132 INVESTIGATORS EMPLOYED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

(MCNAMARA W) Provides that the attorney general shall designate not more than four investigators employed within the state Medicaid fraud control unit to be law enforcement officers of the state. Provides that the attorney general shall designate not more than two investigators employed within the identity fraud unit to be law enforcement officers of the state. Provides that the investigators shall have all the powers and duties of law enforcement officers in conducting investigations or in serving any process, notice, or order connected with the duties of the respective units, regardless of whatever officer, authority, or court issued the process, notice, or order. Provides that the investigators are subject to certain confidentiality and disclosure requirements relating to criminal intelligence information and criminal history information. Makes conforming amendments.

*Current Status:* 1/30/2024 - Referred to Senate

*Recent Status:* 1/29/2024 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 61: yeas 86,  
nays 11

1/29/2024 - Senate sponsor: Senator Koch

*State Bill Page:* [HB1132](#)

**HB1142 HOOSIER FIRST RESPONDER MEDAL OF HONOR (LUCAS J)**

Establishes the Hoosier first responder medal of honor (medal). Provides that the department of homeland security (department) may determine an Indiana first responder is eligible for the Hoosier first responder medal of honor if the Indiana first responder distinguishes themselves conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of the Indiana first responder's life above and beyond the call of duty while engaged in an act of public service. Provides that, upon approval of a nomination by the department, the department shall notify the entity employing the Indiana first responder or for which the Indiana first responder volunteers of the nomination. Provides that the entity shall notify a member of the general assembly who represents the district in which the entity is located of the Indiana first responder's nomination. Provides that the member of the general assembly shall recommend the Indiana first responder for the medal to the governor. Provides that, if the department determines that an Indiana first responder nominated to the department does not meet the eligibility requirements to receive the medal, the department may make recommendations to the entity that employs the Indiana first responder or for

which the Indiana first responder volunteers of other forms of recognition for the Indiana first responder. Provides that the governor may award the medal to the Indiana first responder or the Indiana first responder's next of kin at a public ceremony.

*Current Status:* 2/5/2024 - House Bills on Third Reading

*Recent Status:* 2/1/2024 - House Bills on Third Reading

1/31/2024 - Second reading ordered engrossed

*State Bill Page:* [HB1142](#)

**HB1143 DISPOSAL OF FIREARMS VIA TRADE FOR NEW EQUIPMENT (LUCAS**

J) Permits a law enforcement agency to dispose of certain confiscated firearms by trade with a licensed firearms dealer, a licensed firearm manufacturer, or another law enforcement agency in exchange for new firearms and other law enforcement equipment. Sets forth the recording and reporting requirements for the trade of firearms by a law enforcement agency.

*Current Status:* 2/5/2024 - House Bills on Third Reading

*Recent Status:* 2/1/2024 - House Bills on Third Reading

1/31/2024 - Second reading ordered engrossed

*State Bill Page:* [HB1143](#)

**HB1158 COUNTY CONTRACTS (LEHMAN M)** Provides that contracts made by the county, excluding Marion County, must meet certain requirements. Provides that the county executive is the body charged with executing contracts for goods and services on behalf of the county with certain exceptions. Provides a review process for certain contracts.

*Current Status:* 1/25/2024 - Referred to Senate Local Government

*Recent Status:* 1/25/2024 - First Reading

1/23/2024 - Referred to Senate

*State Bill Page:* [HB1158](#)

**HB1247 REPEAL OF RIGHT TO WORK LAW (MOSELEY C)** Repeals the chapter prohibiting an employer from requiring: (1) labor organization membership; (2) payment of dues or fees to a labor organization; or (3) payment to a charity or other third party an amount equivalent to fees required by a labor organization; as a condition of employment. Makes corresponding changes.

*Current Status:* 1/9/2024 - Referred to House Employment, Labor and Pensions

*Recent Status:* 1/9/2024 - First Reading

1/9/2024 - Authored By Chuck Moseley

*State Bill Page:* [HB1247](#)

**HB1256 AUTO THEFT AND CARJACKING (ANDRADE M)** Reenacts the crimes of auto theft and carjacking. (The auto theft provision was repealed in 2018 and the carjacking provision was repealed in 2013.) Makes the penalty for carjacking a

Level 4 felony, but increases the penalty to a Level 3 felony (if committed with a deadly weapon or results in bodily injury) or a Level 2 felony (if it results in serious bodily injury). Makes the penalty for auto theft a Level 5 felony and increases the penalty to a Level 4 felony if the person has a prior conviction or the aggregate fair market value of the motor vehicle or vehicle parts exceeds \$50,000. Makes conforming changes and technical corrections.

*Current Status:* 1/22/2024 - added as coauthor Representative Garcia Wilburn V

*Recent Status:* 1/18/2024 - added as coauthor Representative Judy  
1/9/2024 - Referred to House Courts and Criminal Code

*State Bill Page:* [HB1256](#)

**HB1261** **DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN (SMITH V)** Allows a member of the 1925 police pension fund, 1937 firefighters' pension fund, 1953 police pension fund (Indianapolis), or 1977 police officers' and firefighters' pension and disability fund to withdraw from the deferred retirement option plan (DROP) and make an election to enter the DROP for a second time not earlier than three years after the date the member withdrew from the DROP. Provides that a member may make an election to enter the DROP only twice in the member's lifetime.

*Current Status:* 1/9/2024 - Referred to House Employment, Labor and Pensions

*Recent Status:* 1/9/2024 - First Reading  
1/9/2024 - Authored By Vernon Smith

*State Bill Page:* [HB1261](#)

**HB1272** **BAIL (HATCHER R)** Prohibits a court from requiring an arrestee to pay bail as a condition of pretrial release, unless: (1) the court finds by clear and convincing evidence that the arrestee is a flight risk or danger to the community; (2) the arrestee is charged with murder or treason; (3) the arrestee is on pretrial release not related to the incident that is the basis for the present arrest; or (4) the arrestee is on probation, parole, or other community supervision. Requires that the amount of bail be the lowest amount required, based on the defendant's financial circumstances, to assure the arrestee's appearance at trial and to protect the community.

*Current Status:* 1/9/2024 - Referred to House Courts and Criminal Code

*Recent Status:* 1/9/2024 - First Reading  
1/9/2024 - Authored By Ragen Hatcher

*State Bill Page:* [HB1272](#)

**HB1356** **IMMUNITY IF SEEKING AID FOR DRUG OVERDOSE VICTIM (GARCIA WILBURN V)** Specifies that the arrest and criminal immunity provisions of the lifeline law also apply to a person less than 21 years of age who commits an offense involving the possession of a controlled substance, paraphernalia, or a syringe.

*Current Status:* 1/16/2024 - added as coauthor Representative McGuire J

*Recent Status:* 1/10/2024 - Referred to House Courts and Criminal Code  
1/10/2024 - First Reading

*State Bill Page:* [HB1356](#)

**HB1409 REPEAL OF INVOLUNTARY FIREARM REMOVAL PROCESS (PAYNE Z)** Repeals provisions concerning the: (1) confiscation and retention of firearms from a dangerous person; (2) compilation and publication of statistics related to the confiscation and retention of firearms from a dangerous person; and (3) making of a false report that a person is dangerous. Modifies a provision concerning a petition to find that an individual is no longer dangerous.

*Current Status:* 1/11/2024 - Referred to House Courts and Criminal Code

*Recent Status:* 1/11/2024 - First Reading

1/11/2024 - Coauthored by Representatives Haggard,  
Sweet, Prescott

*State Bill Page:* [HB1409](#)

**HCR2 URGING THE INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO RENAME THE MILE STRETCH OF I-74 SOUTHEAST OF THE ACTON ROAD EXIT THE "DEPUTY JOHN DURM MEMORIAL MILE" (SPEEDY M)** A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the Indiana Department of Transportation to rename the mile stretch of I-74 southeast of the Acton Road exit the "Deputy John Durm Memorial Mile".

*Current Status:* 1/18/2024 - Referred to Senate Homeland Security and Transportation

*Recent Status:* 1/18/2024 - First Reading

1/16/2024 - Second reading adopted Roll Call 8: yeas 94,  
nays 0

*State Bill Page:* [HCR2](#)

**HCR4 URGING THE INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO RENAME THAT PORTION OF U.S. HIGHWAY 52 BETWEEN DAVIS ROAD AND GERMAN CHURCH ROAD THE "OFFICER BREANN LEATH MEMORIAL MILE" (GORE M)** A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the Indiana Department of Transportation to rename that portion of U.S. Highway 52 between Davis Road and German Church Road the "Officer Breann Leath Memorial Mile".

*Current Status:* 1/18/2024 - Referred to Senate Homeland Security and Transportation

*Recent Status:* 1/18/2024 - First Reading

1/16/2024 - Senate sponsor: Senator Freeman

*State Bill Page:* [HCR4](#)

**HCR5 URGING INDOT TO RENAME THAT PORTION OF I-69 BETWEEN THE COUNTY ROAD 11A EXIT AND STATE ROAD 8, NEAR MILE MARKER 326, THE "MASTER TROOPER JAMES R. BAILEY MEMORIAL HIGHWAY (SMALTZ B)** A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the Indiana Department of Transportation to rename that portion of I-69 between the County

Road 11A Exit and State Road 8, near mile marker 326, the "Master Trooper James R. Bailey Memorial Highway".

*Current Status:* 2/1/2024 - added as coauthor Representative Lehman

*Recent Status:* 1/18/2024 - Referred to Senate Homeland Security and Transportation

1/18/2024 - First Reading

*State Bill Page:* [HCR5](#)

**SB14**      **RIGHT OF CERTAIN PERSONS TO CARRY A HANDGUN IN THE STATEHOUSE AND STATE CAPITOL COMPLEX (TOMES J)** Allows: (1) certain statewide elected officials; (2) members of the general assembly; (3) members of the Indiana lobby registration commission; (4) professional staff of the general assembly; and (5) employees of certain statewide elected offices; to carry a handgun in the statehouse or on the property of the state capitol complex under certain circumstances.

*Current Status:* 1/29/2024 - added as coauthor Senator Crane

*Recent Status:* 1/29/2024 - Cosponsors: Representatives Heaton, Lucas, Zimmerman

1/29/2024 - House sponsor: Representative Haggard

*State Bill Page:* [SB14](#)

**SB24**      **MINIMUM AGE TO CARRY A HANDGUN (RANDOLPH L)** Changes the minimum age required to carry a handgun to 21 years of age.

*Current Status:* 1/8/2024 - Referred to Senate Corrections and Criminal Law

*Recent Status:* 1/8/2024 - First Reading

1/8/2024 - Authored By Lonnie Randolph

*State Bill Page:* [SB24](#)

**SB26**      **PROHIBITION OF FIREARMS AT POLLING PLACES (RANDOLPH L)** Prohibits a person from carrying a firearm in or near: (1) a chute; (2) polls; (3) certain areas where voters congregate or are likely to congregate; or (4) any room where ballots are being counted. Provides that the offense is a Class C misdemeanor. Enhances the offense to a: (1) Class A misdemeanor if the person has a prior unrelated conviction for the offense; or (2) Level 6 felony if the firearm is pointed at another person. Specifies: (1) a defense; and (2) certain notice requirements. Prohibits other defenses. Defines particular terms. Makes conforming amendments.

*Current Status:* 1/8/2024 - Referred to Senate Corrections and Criminal Law

*Recent Status:* 1/8/2024 - First Reading

1/8/2024 - Authored By Lonnie Randolph

*State Bill Page:* [SB26](#)

**SB27****DRIVER INSTRUCTIONS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES**

(RANDOLPH L) Requires the driver education advisory board to consult with the commissioner of the bureau of motor vehicles (commissioner) and the state police department, and advise the commissioner in the administration of the policies of the commission and the bureau of motor vehicles (bureau) regarding driver education in: (1) the procedures of a law enforcement officer during a traffic stop; and (2) the actions a person should take during a traffic stop, including appropriate interaction with a law enforcement officer. Requires the bureau to include in any driver education manual published by the bureau the following: (1) A description of the procedures of a law enforcement officer during a traffic stop. (2) An explanation of the actions a person should take during a traffic stop, including appropriate interaction with a law enforcement officer. Provides that driver education curriculum must include instruction about actions to take during a traffic stop and the appropriate interaction with a law enforcement officer during a traffic stop.

*Current Status:* 1/8/2024 - Referred to Senate Homeland Security and Transportation

*Recent Status:* 1/8/2024 - First Reading  
1/8/2024 - Authored By Lonnie Randolph

*State Bill Page:* [SB27](#)

**SB33****DISTRIBUTIONS OF PUBLIC SAFETY INCOME TAX REVENUE**

(NIEMEYER R) Provides that a qualified township and various fire entities may apply to the county adopting body for a distribution of local income tax revenue that is allocated to public safety purposes. Requires the county adopting body to review a submitted application at a public hearing at which the qualified township or entity must present and explain its application. Provides that after the public hearing on the application, and before September 1, the county adopting body may adopt a resolution approving the application and requiring that tax revenue be distributed to the qualified township or entity. Provides the calculation for the amount of the allocation to a qualified township. Repeals certain provisions enacted in the 2023 session in HB 1454 regarding distribution of tax revenue allocated to public safety to township fire departments, volunteer fire departments, fire protection territories, or fire protection districts. Makes certain changes to provisions regarding the local income tax rate for local costs of the state judicial system in the county.

*Current Status:* 2/1/2024 - added as coauthor Senator Randolph

*Recent Status:* 2/1/2024 - Second reading amended, ordered engrossed  
2/1/2024 - Amendment #2 (Holdman) prevailed; voice vote

*State Bill Page:* [SB33](#)

**SB44****ADMINISTRATIVE SUBPOENA FOR CERTAIN INVESTIGATIONS**

(CRIDER M) Authorizes the state police department to issue an administrative subpoena to obtain certain records, if: (1) the subpoena relates to an investigation of an offense that involves the sexual exploitation of a minor; and (2) there is

reasonable cause to believe that an Internet or electronic service account has been used in the sexual exploitation or attempted sexual exploitation of the minor.

*Current Status:* 1/8/2024 - Referred to Senate Corrections and Criminal Law

*Recent Status:* 1/8/2024 - First Reading  
1/8/2024 - Authored By Michael Crider

*State Bill Page:* [SB44](#)

**SB46**      **PARENTAL RIGHTS (BROWN L)** Provides that a governmental entity may not substantially burden certain parental rights unless the burden is in furtherance of a compelling governmental interest and is the least restrictive means of furthering the governmental interest. Prohibits a governmental entity from: (1) advising, directing, or coercing a child to withhold certain information from the child's parent; or (2) denying a child's parent access to certain information. Allows a parent to bring an action against a governmental entity for certain violations and provides for certain relief. Specifies that the parent of a child does not have a right to access certain medical care on behalf of the child if the child does not have an affirmative right of access to such medical care.

*Current Status:* 1/29/2024 - added as coauthor Senator Johnson, T

*Recent Status:* 1/29/2024 - added as coauthor Senator Dernulc  
1/25/2024 - added as coauthor Senator Crane

*State Bill Page:* [SB46](#)

**SB54**      **MARION COUNTY FIRE CONSOLIDATION (BALDWIN S)** Authorizes the consolidation of a township fire department or fire protection territory in Marion County into the fire department of the consolidated city if the following occur: (1) The mayor of the consolidated city adopts a resolution approving the consolidation. (2) The city-county council adopts an ordinance approving the consolidation. (3) The mayor of the consolidated city approves the ordinance of the city-county council. Provides that a consolidation is effective on the date set forth in the ordinance adopted by the city-county council. Provides for the transfer of cumulative building and equipment fund balances, debt service balances, and firefighting fund balances on the effective date of the consolidation. Makes changes to a provision concerning the transfer of certain types of indebtedness to the consolidated city incurred before the effective date of the consolidation. Relocates language specifying that indebtedness related to fire protection services that is incurred before the effective date of the consolidation by the consolidated city remains the debt of the consolidated city and property taxes to pay the debt may only be levied within the fire special service district. Specifies that to become a firefighter with the fire department of the consolidated city as part of a consolidation, an individual must pass the work performance evaluation administered by the fire department of the consolidated city. Provides that a physician selected by the fire department of the consolidated city may, upon application by the firefighter, grant the firefighter an extension, for medical reasons, of the date by which the firefighter must pass the work performance

evaluation. Provides that for purposes of determining the seniority of a merit firefighter who becomes employed by the fire department of the consolidated city through a consolidation: (1) the time served by the individual as a merit firefighter with the consolidated fire department also includes the total time served by the individual as a merit firefighter with the fire department in which the individual was serving at the time of the consolidation; and (2) the hire date of the individual is the date the individual was hired as a merit firefighter by the fire department in which the individual was serving at the time of consolidation. Specifies that if an individual becomes a firefighter employed by the fire department of the consolidated city through a consolidation, the individual's merit rank may not be reduced below the lesser of the merit rank held by the individual on the effective date of the consolidation or the rank of captain. Specifies that the consolidated city may levy property taxes within the area served by the consolidated fire department to provide for the payment of the expenses for the operation of the consolidated fire department. Provides that beginning with the fifth year after the year in which such a consolidation is effective, the total property tax rate imposed for fire protection within the territory formerly served by the fire department that was consolidated may not exceed the total property tax rate imposed for fire protection in other areas served by the fire department of the consolidated city.

*Current Status:* 1/17/2024 - Senate Pensions and Labor, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

*Recent Status:* 1/9/2024 - added as coauthor Senator Crider  
1/8/2024 - Referred to Senate Pensions and Labor

*State Bill Page:* [SB54](#)

## **SB63**

### **LAW ENFORCEMENT POWERS OF FIRE INVESTIGATORS (FORD**

J) Provides that a fire investigator appointed after June 30, 2024, who is a member of: (1) a fire department that provides service to a first or second class city (city); or (2) a city fire department; may exercise police powers for the city if certain requirements are satisfied, including meeting basic training standards established by the law enforcement training board (board) and written notification is sent from the city fire chief to the city police chief and county sheriff. (Under current law, the fire investigator must be authorized to exercise police power by the police chief and fire chief of the first class or second class city.) Provides that a fire investigator who exercised police powers before July 1, 2024, and has not completed the basic training standards established by the board must complete supplemental training and education established by the board to continue exercising police powers after June 30, 2026. Allows the board to adopt interim rules to establish the supplemental training and educational requirements for fire investigators.

*Current Status:* 1/8/2024 - Referred to Senate Homeland Security and Transportation

*Recent Status:* 1/8/2024 - First Reading  
1/8/2024 - Authored By J.D. Ford

*State Bill Page:* [SB63](#)

**SB95**

**LOCAL REGULATION OF FIREARMS (QADDOURA F)** Specifies that certain restrictions on the local regulation of firearms, ammunition, and firearm accessories may not be construed to prevent a county, municipality, or township (unit) from regulating firearms, ammunition, or firearm accessories in a manner more restrictive than Indiana law if the regulation is recommended by a law enforcement agency of the unit and a local advocacy group that works to reduce gun violence in the community. Indicates particular regulations that meet these parameters. Provides that a regulation adopted by a unit must comply with the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Indiana.

*Current Status:* 1/8/2024 - Referred to Senate Corrections and Criminal Law

*Recent Status:* 1/8/2024 - First Reading  
1/8/2024 - Authored By Fady Qaddoura

*State Bill Page:* [SB95](#)

**SB99**

**CANNABIS REGULATION (POL R)** Permits the use of cannabis by: (1) a person at least 21 years of age; and (2) a person with a serious medical condition as determined by the person's physician. Establishes the adult use cannabis excise tax, and requires a retailer to transfer the tax to the department of state revenue for deposit in the state general fund. Exempts veterans from payment of the sales tax on medical or adult use cannabis. Establishes a cannabis program (program) to permit the cultivation, processing, testing, transportation, and sale of cannabis by holders of a valid permit. Establishes the Indiana cannabis commission (ICC) as a state agency to oversee, implement, and enforce the program, and establishes the ICC advisory committee to review the effectiveness of the program. Requires that permit holders take steps to prevent diversion of cannabis to unauthorized persons. Requires that cannabis and cannabis products be properly labeled, placed in child resistant packaging, and tested by an independent testing laboratory before being made available for purchase. Prohibits packaging cannabis in a manner that is appealing to children. Authorizes research on cannabis in accordance with rules set forth by the ICC. Establishes a procedure for the expungement of a cannabis related conviction if the act constituting the conviction becomes legal. Makes conforming amendments.

*Current Status:* 1/10/2024 - added as third author Senator Qaddoura

*Recent Status:* 1/8/2024 - Referred to Senate Commerce and Technology  
1/8/2024 - First Reading

*State Bill Page:* [SB99](#)

**SB107**

**CANNABIS REGULATION (NIEZGODSKI D)** Establishes a procedure for the lawful production and sale of cannabis in Indiana. Makes conforming amendments.

*Current Status:* 1/9/2024 - added as coauthor Senator Qaddoura

*Recent Status:* 1/8/2024 - Referred to Senate Commerce and Technology  
1/8/2024 - First Reading

*State Bill Page:* [SB107](#)

**SB108**      **TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDINANCES (FREEMAN A)** Provides that a statutory provision prohibiting a turn at a steady red signal applies retroactively to January 1, 2023. Provides that an ordinance prohibiting such a turn is void and requires the removal of any signs installed under the authority of a voided ordinance.

*Current Status:* 1/23/2024 - Senate Homeland Security and Transportation,  
(Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

*Recent Status:* 1/18/2024 - added as second author Senator Doriot  
1/8/2024 - Referred to Senate Homeland Security and  
Transportation

*State Bill Page:* [SB108](#)

**SB126**      **MEDICAL CANNABIS (TAYLOR G)** Establishes a medical marijuana program (program), and permits caregivers and patients who have received a physician recommendation to possess a certain quantity of marijuana for treatment of certain medical conditions. Establishes a regulatory agency to oversee the program, and creates the regulatory agency advisory committee to review the effectiveness of the program and to consider recommendations from the regulatory agency. Authorizes the regulatory agency to grant research licenses to research facilities with a physical presence in Indiana. Repeals the controlled substance excise tax and the marijuana eradication program. Makes conforming amendments.

*Current Status:* 1/8/2024 - Referred to Senate Commerce and Technology

*Recent Status:* 1/8/2024 - First Reading  
1/8/2024 - Authored By Greg Taylor

*State Bill Page:* [SB126](#)

**SB129**      **POLICE OFFICER EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING COST REIMBURSEMENT (BYRNE G)** Allows a county, city, or town (unit) to be reimbursed for some or all of a police officer's employment and training costs from a unit that subsequently employs the police officer less than three years after police officer completes the law enforcement basic training course. Provides that "police officer" does not include a town marshal or town marshal deputy. Provides that if any unit does not claim reimbursement from a subsequent employing unit, any reimbursement right is terminated. Requires a subsequent employer to notify the police officer in writing if the previous employer did or did not submit a claim for reimbursement. Requires a written notification be provided to a police officer before hiring that informs the officer of the employer's right to obtain reimbursement from a subsequent employer.

*Current Status:* 1/25/2024 - added as coauthor Senator Vinzant

*Recent Status:* 1/25/2024 - added as coauthors Senators Taylor G and  
Glick

1/25/2024 - added as coauthors Senators Bohacek and Pol

*State Bill Page:* [SB129](#)

**SB136**      **JUDICIAL TRANSPARENCY (GASKILL M)** Requires the office of judicial administration to compile, transmit, and publish the public safety and judicial

accountability report containing certain information about judicial officers who exercise criminal jurisdiction.

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*State Bill Page:* [SB136](#)

**SB144**      **FIREARMS MATTERS (YOUNG M)** Allows a juvenile who is at least 16 years of age to be charged in adult court for the commission of certain offenses relating to the unlawful transfer of a firearm. Permits a child to travel with a firearm to or from certain activities where the child is permitted to possess the firearm only if the child is accompanied by the child's parent or legal guardian, or by an adult who has been authorized to accompany the child by the child's parent or legal guardian, as long as the parent, legal guardian, or authorized adult is eligible to purchase or otherwise receive from a dealer a handgun. Prohibits a state entity or a political subdivision (government entity) from regulating or restricting by administrative rule, ordinance, or policy the ownership, possession, or carrying of a handgun on government property by an individual who both: (1) holds a valid license to carry a handgun; and (2) is not prohibited from owning or possessing a handgun under state or federal law (lawful individual). Prohibits a person who enters into a contract with a government entity after June 30, 2024, from regulating or restricting the ownership, possession, or carrying of a handgun on government property by a lawful individual. Specifies that these prohibitions do not apply to, or affect the validity of, a: (1) contract or agreement that is initially entered into before July 1, 2024, even if that contract is later amended or renewed; and (2) statute, administrative rule, ordinance, or policy: (A) enacted by a government entity; and (B) in effect on January 1, 2024. Urges the legislative council to assign to the interim study committee on corrections and criminal code during the 2024 interim the task of creating a consolidated and comprehensive list of the places at which the carrying of a firearm is prohibited under state or federal law.

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**SB160**      **LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSIONS (POL R)** Increases the 1977 police officers' and firefighters' pension and disability fund's maximum annual cost of living adjustment from 3% to 5%. Increases the maximum duration that members of certain funds can participate in the deferred retirement option plan from 36 to 60 months.

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*State Bill Page:* [SB160](#)

**SB163**      **FIREARMS (RANDOLPH L)** Prohibits a person from carrying a firearm in or near: (1) a chute; (2) polls; (3) certain areas where voters congregate or are likely to congregate; or (4) any room where ballots are being counted. Provides that the offense is a Class C misdemeanor, enhanced to a: (1) Class A misdemeanor if the person has a prior unrelated conviction for the offense; or (2) Level 6 felony if the firearm is pointed at another person. Specifies a defense and certain notice requirements. Prohibits other defenses. Changes the minimum age required to carry a handgun to 21 years of age. Makes it a Level 5 felony to possess a privately made firearm. Makes it a Level 5 felony to alter, obliterate, or remove certain marks of firearm identification or to possess a firearm on which those marks of identification have been altered, obliterated, or removed. Defines terms. Makes conforming amendments.

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*State Bill Page:* [SB163](#)

**SB257**      **FIDUCIARY DUTY IN HEALTH PLAN ADMINISTRATION (BUSCH J)** Provides that any third party administrator, pharmacy benefit manager, employee benefit consultant, or insurance producer acting on behalf of a plan sponsor owes a fiduciary duty to the plan sponsor.

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1/16/2024 - First Reading

*State Bill Page:* [SB257](#)

**SB275**      **PENSION MATTERS (BUCHANAN B)** Provides that a state employee may affirmatively elect to enroll in the deferred compensation plan prior to the auto enroll date on day 31 of the state employee's employment. Removes a provision that sets a maximum employer surcharge for the legislators' defined benefit plan, state excise police, gaming agent, gaming control officer, and conservation enforcement officers' retirement plan, public employees' retirement fund, and Indiana state teachers' retirement fund (fund). Requires the board of trustees of the Indiana public retirement system (board) to develop the technological and administrative capabilities sufficient to categorize fund members into separate groups in which: (1) certain members receive a service based thirteenth check; and (2) certain members receive a cost of living adjustment. Requires the board to set the surcharge rates at a level to actuarially prefund: (1) annual indexed thirteenth checks for all current retired members and beneficiaries retired before July 1, 2025; and (2) 1% annual cost of living adjustments to future in-payment members and beneficiaries retired on or after July 1, 2025. Provides that the board shall not reduce the surcharge rates from the prior year. Allows the board to increase the

surcharge rates by not more than 0.1% of payroll from the prior year. Increases the maximum date that a member or participant of certain retirement funds can participate in the deferred retirement option plan from 36 to 60 months. Requires the member or participant to notify their employer if the member or participant elects to enter or extend the deferred retirement option plan. Requires certain political subdivisions to present to the interim study committee on pension management oversight regarding a delinquent employee retirement plan offered by the political subdivision.

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